

## GREAT ORCHESTRA IN SOUTHERN CITY

H. L. Mason, of Mason and Hamlin Company, Tells of Musical Awakening of South.

### MANY MUSIC FESTIVALS

Praises Work of Wednesday Club, and Especially of Children's Chorus.

Henry L. Mason, of the Mason & Hamlin Company, Boston, Massachusetts, has been in Richmond for the past few days as the guest of Jno. G. Corley, and having made an extensive tour through the South, going as far as New Orleans, he has observed general conditions and the state of the music, both financially and artistically, and it is encouraging to hear him report that, together with the decided commercial reawakening, there is going hand in hand with this, so to speak, a distinct increase in artistic interest and activity.

The great musical festivals which have been held in one city after another throughout the South have made an impression on Mr. Mason; and the fact that Atlanta, for instance, opened its Musical Festival to an audience of 7,500 people speaks volumes of itself. This would have been impossible ten, or even five, years ago, and so it has been in a general way, though not so pronouncedly, in other Southern cities.

#### The Children's Chorus.

"As you know," he said, "the festival recently held in this city proved not only to be a splendid artistic success, but a financial one as well. The fact that you had a chorus of 1,000 children is not only of great interest, but of great encouragement. The child is the father of the man, and if the children of a community are reared on good music, and are taught to understand and appreciate it, there is no question in my mind but what they will make better men and women in after years."

"Music in the public schools constantly is being given greater importance throughout the country, and it is particularly interesting to know of the splendid work being done by the Richmond schools. I am also much interested in the magnificent High School building you are erecting in this city."

#### Frances Powell's Playing.

"I have not been to Richmond for about seven years, I regret to say, but I have had the pleasure of meeting one of your native-born pianists, Frances Powell, in my own city. Mr. Powell played for me, and I found much pleasure in his musical nature. His playing of Liszt's great Sonata was superb. I have heard this work played by many eminent pianists, but Mr. Powell's playing of it stands out in my memory as among the greatest of them all. Great things may be expected of this pianist, I believe. I have had the pleasure of meeting a number of your musicians while in the city, and they seem pretty generally to share this opinion of Mr. Powell."

The representative of The Times-Dispatch then asked Mr. Mason if his company made pianos with mechanical players.

He replied, "No, we do not. The Mason & Hamlin Piano is practically the only one now made with a mechanical player. This emphasizes all the more its unique artistic position."

#### A Lofly Ideal.

"Our ideal is a lofty one. We are as earnest in our search for the ideal as was Stradivarius or Michael Angelo or Rembrandt, and while we may never reach absolute perfection, which in this world is impossible, we will ever strive to make a nearer and nearer approach to perfection. You know the poet sings: "Man's reach should exceed his grasp, Else what's a heaven for?" "Of course, if perfection were attainable there could be no ideal. It is most gratifying to me to hear the expressions of your musicians in regard to the Mason & Hamlin pianos; doubly so, since it is for the musical nature that we make pianos."

"Through J. G. Corley, who has been my cordial host here, I have had the pleasure of meeting several of your prominent citizens, as well as your interesting musicians. I am leaving this afternoon for Boston. I have had a very pleasant visit in Richmond."

#### A Southern Orchestra.

"It seems to me it would be an excellent idea were there a well-established orchestra in the South, to be called, if you wish, the Southern Orchestra, stationed at some one city, and members to be fine musicians, under the conductorship of an able director. This orchestra could then be engaged by the various Southern cities, and, provided the artistic standard of the orchestra was satisfactory, the expense would naturally be minimized over that of an orchestra from a more distant point. I believe this could be brought through."

### Grammar School League

Springfield defeated Chilmorozo, 3 to 0, and Central defeated Springfield, 3 to 0. Friday on the C. C. A. field. Slaney was victorious over Leigh, 5 to 3, on Byrd Park. On Saturday, Leigh and Leigh play a postponed game on Monday, and Marshall and Fairmount play on Tuesday. This will finish up the schedule in both sections, with all games played. The first of the championship games between the winners of each section probably will be played next Friday afternoon.

#### Standing of the Clubs.

Eastern Section.	Won.	Lost.	P.C.
Central	4	2	1.000
Springfield	4	2	.667
Fairmount	3	2	.600
Marshall	3	2	.600
Belleview	3	2	.600
Nicholson	1	5	.167
Chilmorozo	0	6	.000

#### Western Section.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

BASIC, VA., May 15.—Fishburne won its sixth consecutive game here this afternoon by defeating Ronceverte High School in a very interesting game. Two or three times during the game Ronceverte had chances scoring, but Fishburne's pitcher held them off by his mercy. Moran, for Fishburne, made a run for a clean home run. Fishburne won twelve games and lost only

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## RAISE BIG SUM FOR SEMINARY

Baptist Convention Swept by Enthusiasm When Over \$100,000 Was Subscribed.

### MANY \$5,000 CONTRIBUTIONS

Home Mission Work Discussed Last Night—May Meet in Baltimore Next.

LOUISVILLE, KY., May 15.—Baltimore has just been chosen by the Southern Baptists as the place for holding their annual annual convention. The convention will open May 14.

LOUISVILLE, KY., May 15.—Their enthusiasm raised to a high fever by a notable movement in support of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, over 1,000 delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention late this afternoon took a lengthy journey to Cave Hill Cemetery, only to have a heavy rain interfere with the unveiling of the monument to the Rev. T. T. Eaton, D. D. Before they left the floor of the convention hall, over \$115,000 was voluntarily subscribed toward the endowment fund of the seminary. Here a farmer rose to pledge the \$5,000 from the sale of a cow or a horse; there a prosperous city dweller contributed ten or twenty times that amount.

#### Large Contributions.

It was shortly before the morning session ended, when President Mullins, of the Theological Seminary, and Rev. William E. Hatcher, D. D., of Virginia, began taking subscriptions toward the \$500,000 fund of the seminary, which is being raised in celebration of the jubilee year.

Dr. Hatcher announced that W. J. Slayden, of Asheville, N. C., would give \$5,000 if nineteen others would give a like amount, and no less than thirteen others did so.

Other \$5,000 contributions included George B. West, of Newport News, Va. The students at the seminary who attended the session in a body topped off the scene with a little surprise of their own, when they announced that they had gotten together \$10,000 for the endowment fund.

#### Home Mission Work.

The early part of the afternoon session was given over to miscellaneous reports from workers in the home mission and laymen's mission field. Tonight's session will be devoted to the home mission report, Rev. Dr. Ramsay, of Richmond, made an address.

To-morrow about ten Virginia pastors will be among the preachers in the various pulpits of the city.

Rev. A. Bartow Ruda, D. D., formerly of Virginia, but now a missionary in Porto Rico, of the Northern Baptists, is one of the visitors at the convention.

#### South Atlantic League

##### Makes It Three Straight.

CHARLESTON, S. C., May 15.—Charleston made it three straight from Macon by winning a game yesterday. The game was played at the home of the visitors, when the locals scored three runs on a base on balls, two runs on a single and a hit. On account of the absence of Umpire Daily two players officiated.

#### Score by Innings.

	R. H. E.
Charleston	3 0 0 0 0 3 1 1 5 6
Macon	0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 1 5 6

#### Batteries: Paige and Reisinger.

Vaughn and Robinson. Time, 1:40. Umpires, Corbett and Little.

#### Augusta Takes Slugging Match.

AUGUSTA, GA., May 15.—Augusta is a slugging match from Savannah to-day, and won her third straight victory over that team. Griffin was driven from the box in the seventh inning, when the locals hit the visitors. Mathewson was hit hard throughout. Cole's hitting was a particular feature.

#### Score by Innings.

	R. H. E.
Augusta	0 0 1 3 0 0 1 2 1 2
Savannah	0 0 0 1 0 0 4 0 5 9 0

#### Batteries: Griffin, Pierce and Carson.

Mathewson and Kelly. Time, 1:50. Umpire, Howe.

#### Wagner Held Them Down.

COLUMBIA, S. C., May 15.—Wagner to-day pitched a great game against Columbia, never being in distress, and Columbia won. The local bunched hits in the third and seventh innings. No two of the visitors' hits came in the same inning.

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Columbia	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 6 1
Wagner	0 0 1 0 0 0 1 0 0 2 5 8

#### Batteries: McKenzie, Kenna and Meek.

Lee, Schultz and Rother. Time, 1:50. Umpires, Westervelt and Gifford.

#### Wilkes Threw Game Away.

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Chattanooga	0 0 1 0 1 0 0 0 1 14 2
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#### Batteries: McKenzie, Kenna and Meek.

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Parades, Watts and Rectenwald. Umpire, Betts.

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Hunters	4 7 2 0 1 1 4 12 19
Invincibles	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 3

The Y. M. C. A. will have a good entry list in the athletic meet scheduled for this week in the Seventh Street Armory.

#### Trying to Brace Up.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] LYNCHBURG, VA., May 15.—Realizing that the local ball team is outclassed and that it needs strengthening, the association owing the franchise has come to work to secure the material. This is no easy job now to secure capable men who will make by the club within the league's limit. It will require at least four or five good men to put the team on a winning basis. Manager O'Neil is already in touch with several men to put in the weak places.

#### Score by Innings.

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Robinson	2 3 0 2 2 0 5 4 23 24 2
Durham	0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 1 4 5

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